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(PATENT)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Patent Application of:  
Takaji WAKITA et al.

Application No.: NEW

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Art Unit: N/A

For: NUCLEIC ACID CONSTRUCT CONTAINING  
FULLLENGTH GENOME OF HUMAN  
HEPATITIS C VIRUS, RECOMBINANT  
FULLLENGTH VIRUS GENOME-  
REPLICATING CELLS HAVING THE  
NUCLEIC ACID CONSTRUCT  
TRANSFERRED THEREINTO AND METHOD  
OF PRODUCING HEPATITIS C VIRUS  
PARTICLE

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Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

**PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R § 1.84(A)(2)**  
**TO ACCEPT COLOR DRAWINGS AND/OR PHOTOGRAPHS**

MS PCT  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions that color drawings under 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(a)(2) be accepted in the above-identified application.

Color drawings are necessary as they are the only practical medium by which the subject matter of the present application can be disclosed. Three (3) sets of color drawings are provided, and are believed to be of sufficient quality that all details will be reproducible in black and white in the printed patent.

It is noted that black and white photocopies of any color drawing or photograph are no longer required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(a)(2)(iii) as of October 1, 2001.

**Amendment to the Specification**

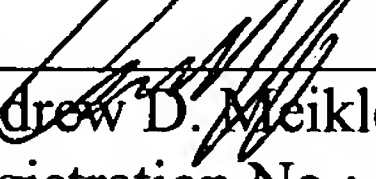
A Preliminary Amendment is being submitted concurrently herewith, providing reference to the color drawings in the first paragraph of the brief description of the drawings.

The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h) is attached.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Dated: August 17, 2006

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